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 R_1 is C_{1-6} alkyl;

 R_2 is H, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{3-8} cycloalkyl, OC_{1-6} alkyl or $C(O)C_{1-6}$ alkyl;

 R_3 is H, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{3-8} cycloalkyl, OC_{1-6} alkyl, [or] $C(O)C_{1-6}$ alkyl or aralkyl;

 \hat{X} is [C or] N;

Y is H, halogen, C₁₋₆alkyl, CN or CF₃;

Z is NHR₃ or F;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable addition salt and/or hydrate thereof, or where applicable, a geometric or optical isomer or racemic mixture thereof.

Remarks

The claims are 1, 2, and 4-13. Claim 1 has been amended to delete subject matter without prejudice to pursuit of such subject matter in continuing and/or divisional applications, and to correct typographical and grammatical errors. Accordingly, the changes do not constitute new matter.

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